April 5 is Primary Election Day
Polls open Tuesday, April 5, 2022 from 8:00AM to 8:00PM
By MICHAEL CHOSA

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*Editor’s Note: At the time of printing for the February issue, two candidates were certified to run for Secretary / Treasurer by the Leech Lake RBC, however a challenge to the certification of incumbent Secretary-Treasurer Arthur LaRose was filed with the MCT. On February 16, the MCT Tribal Election Court of Appeals overturned the certification and found Mr. LaRose ineligible to be a candidate. The MCT Tribal Executive Committee has scheduled a meeting for March 10, 2022 to discuss this issue. It was unclear at press time what the outcome of this meeting will be. Regardless, because only two candidates filed to run for this position, no Primary Election will be held.

Candidates for District I Committeeperson - 4 Year Term
• Tami Jackson
• Gary Charwood, Sr.
• Tana Robinson
• Norma Jackson
• Kyle Fairbanks

Candidates for District II Committeeperson - 4 Year Term
• Steve White (Incumbent)
• Theodore James White, Sr.
• Terrance Lee Mitchell

The Secretary-Treasurer, District I Representative and District II Representative seats will be decided during this election cycle for all six tribal nations of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The April Primary Election on Leech Lake will feature five candidates for District I Representative and three candidates for District II Representative.

Any candidate who captures more than 50% of eligible votes cast during the Primary Election on April 5 will be declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes on Primary Election Day, The top two candidates for each position will face off in the General Election which will be held on June 14, 2022.

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will also be conducting a referendum on blood quantum during the June 2022 General Election. Essays / platforms for General Election candidates and more information on the referendum will be published in the May issue of Debahjimon. The exact wording and nature of the referendum question(s) have not yet been finalized by the MCT.
Indigenous Peoples’ Day Bill Passed out of Education Policy

SAINT PAUL — Yesterday, legislation authored by Rep. Heather Keeler (DFL-Moorhead) to establish Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a state holiday was discussed and passed out of the House Education Policy Committee with a vote of 11-7, and one member absent. The holiday would be celebrated on the second Monday in October in place of Christopher Columbus Day. The bill also outlines that if schools happen to be in session on Indigenous Peoples’ Day, they should spend one hour of the day to focus on Indigenous issues.

“I’ve worked twelve years in Indian education and have worked diligently to acknowledge the importance of Indigenous Peoples Day in our communities,” said Rep. Heather Keeler. “This is something that I started as a local effort, the city of Moorhead passed this and recognizes it as a local holiday along with many other cities across our state, and states across this nation. By passing this bill, we are affirming that our first nation’s people and history matter in Minnesota.”

“For too long we have ignored our state’s Indigenous history while uplifting and celebrating a perpetrator of genocide who never set foot on North America, let alone Minnesota,” said, Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn (DFL – Roseville), co-author of the bill. “This bill will elevate and honor the history of those who first called Minnesota home while teaching students across the state the value of our Indigenous history.”

The committee heard testimony from three Indigenous leaders in support of the bill. Many Minnesota cities have already moved to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day rather than Columbus Day. Last year, Governor Walz declared Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a holiday.

The bill is now on the agenda to be heard in the House State Government Finance committee on Tuesday, March 15. The House bill has a companion in the Senate authored by Sen. Mary Kunesh (DFL-New Brighton).

Rep. Keeler has also asked that those who support the bill send a few sentences of testimony to her legislative assistant, Robin Schmidt at robin.schmidt@house.mn, as outlined in the above graphic.
Fire-dependent Ecosystem Restoration Project Comment Period Extended

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CASS LAKE – The USDA Forest Service, with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe as a Cooperating Agency, is proposing to restore fire-dependent ecosystems and associated wildlife habitat and cultural resources and uses throughout a portion of the Chippewa National Forest. This area is within the proclamation boundary of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation and within Beltrami, Cass, and Itasca Counties.

In order to provide the public with a greater opportunity to participate in the planning process, the comment period has been extended to March 15, 2022. There are several ways to submit comments:

Submit your comments electronically in a common file format (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) to: comments-eastern-chippewa@usda.gov with the subject line “Fire-Dependent Restoration Project.”

Please include your name, address, telephone number and the title of the project with your comments.

Mail your comments to the Chippewa National Forest Supervisor’s Office:
Attn: Christopher Worthington
200 Ash Avenue NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Submit comments by fax to: (218)-335-8641

For additional information, please contact Christopher Worthington, Forest Planner at: 218-335-8643 or christopher.worthington@usda.gov.

More detailed information about the project is included in the following sections and additional information is available on the Forest’s project website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59126.

Newly Redrawn Legislative and Congressional District Maps a Potential Win for MN Tribes

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS – The Minnesota Judicial Branch Special Redistricting Panel has released its final maps for Legislative and Congressional Districts for the upcoming decade (2022-2032) that include huge beneficial changes for Tribes in the state.

All seven Ojibwe bands in Minnesota will now be in the same Congressional District (CD8). Leech Lake, White Earth, and Red Lake are now in one State Senate District (District 2). White Earth and Leech Lake now share a State House District (2B) and Red Lake is in its own House District (2A).

This significant district line shift includes the addition of White Earth and Red Lake in CD8, which means that if all three Tribes come together they have the power to influence and have a stronger say in who represents the Bands in Congress.

The current incumbent in this powerful position is Pete Stauber (R) who will be seeking re-election in August of this year.

Additionally the band is now in House District 2B which is represented by Incumbent Matt Bliss (R), whose term runs until 2023. Joining the band in House District 2B includes White Earth and the city of Walker.

Community members interested in seeing the new district lines mapped out can visit the MN courts website for further information. https://www.mncourts.gov/2021RedistrictingPanel
Introduction of New Bill Plans to Create State Funded Cash Incentives for Information Regarding MMIW and MMIR

By KAYLA DUOOS

MINNEAPOLIS — A new Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) bill was introduced to the Minnesota house floor, Thursday March 3. The bill HF3055 sponsored by Representative Jamie Becker-Finn (D) and co-sponsor Representative Heather Edelson (D) asks for a fund to be created by the state treasury to offer rewards for information on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives investigations, and an advisory committee to be created to determine reward amounts/advertising initiatives to spread public awareness.

The six person advisory committee will consist of a representative from the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides legal services to Indigenous women and girls, a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides advocacy counseling for Indigenous women and girls who have been victims of violence; a representative from a Tribal, statewide, or local organization that provides services to Indigenous women and girls; a Tribal peace officer who works for or resides on a federally recognized American Indian reservation in Minnesota; and a representative from the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force.

The bill is a larger scale version of a Duluth MMIR mutual-aid fund that was created in January of this year. The fund was created by the community’s drive to solve the open case of Sheila St.Clair in Duluth Minnesota. St. Clair has been missing since September 10, 2015.

Alicia Kozlowski, a Community Relations Officer for City of Duluth, was one of five people who offered testimony on the importance of the bill.

“A recent study by the Urban Indian Health Institute revealed that only 116 of the 5,712 MMIW cases were logged into the Department of Justice’s nationwide database,” Kozlowski explained. “Seventy percent of those were declined due to lack of evidence. We know that the statistics are difficult and staggering, but these aren’t just statistics we’ve heard. These are our moms, aunties, sisters, cousins, [and] your neighbors.”

“Like Duluth’s reward fund, House File 3055 will provide renewed hope and a missing link for more effective investigations through financial incentives that will yield critical evidence needed to bring our people home to justice and promote healing,” she continued. “This fund won’t bring somebody back, but it will let people know there’s value in them opening up and sharing the information that they know.”

The house will vote on the bill later this year, and if passed it will move onto the senate floor for a final vote. If implemented as written, the MMIR fund will receive $110,000 for its first year.

Shelters, Ahni-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center

LLBO locations still requiring masks:

- Tribal Clinics
- Emergency Services: EMT, Police
- Communal Living Spaces: Assisted Living, Homeless
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American children remain with 28, the U.S. Supreme Court portions of the Indian Child

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ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals

WASHINGTON –

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Supreme Court will hear challeng- es to ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) later this year.

In a press release dated February 28, the U.S. Supreme Court announced its plans to review a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that invalidated portions of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The child welfare law passed in 1978 prioritizes that Native American children remain with extended family / community members instead of being moved to homes off reservation. The law is a direct response to the disproportionate removal of Native children from their homes, families, communities and forced assimilation in the decades prior.

Many of the arguments opposing ICWA say that law illegally discriminates against non-Native families based on race when placing Native children in homes.

This argument was the main focus of the Texas Brackeen v. Haaland case, which started the conversation around ICWA's legal reach years prior. Plaintiffs Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, a couple from Texas, sued the Department of the Interior and former Secretary Ryan Zinke, challenging ICWA in 2017.

At the time, the couple were seeking adoption of a child who is eligible for membership in the Navajo and Cherokee nations. Their request was initially denied after Navajo Nation found a potential Native American home in New Mexico.

U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, whom the lawsuit transferred to once she began leading the Department of Interior, said that the legal classification of someone as Native American is a political determination, and not a racial one, and the argument used in the Brackeen vs Haaland case does not stand.

“On the merits of the plaintiffs’ equal protection claims, a majority of the en banc court of appeals held that ICWA’s Indian-based classifications are political, not racial, classifications and are thus subject to rational basis review,” Haaland’s brief said, referring to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit previous decision that was split on the constitutionality of ICWA.

“The majority then upheld the constitutionality of ICWA’s definition of ‘Indian child,’ finding it to be ‘rationally linked to the trust relationship between the tribes and the federal government, as well as to furthering tribal sovereignty and self-government.’”

Haaland said that ICWA advances the government’s “substantial interests in the welfare of Indian children and their parents, the integrity of Indian families, and the stability and security of Indian tribes.”

ICWA is widely supported by a number of stakeholders within and outside of Indian Country. At the lower court, 486 Tribal Nations, 59 Native organizations, 31 child wel- fare orgs, 26 states + DC, and 77 members of Congress have offered public support for ICWA.

**Leech Lake Market**

Attention Leech Lake Band Members!

Beginning March 10 and Every Thursday at Leech Lake Market!

LLBO enrolled members can now receive a 10% discount on grocery items (excluding gas, tobacco and lottery).

*Discounts only apply with main store cashiers and not C-Store cashier.

Dept. of Interior Task Force Set to Review Public Opinion on S. Lake Name Change

3 Minnesota Locations Among the 660 Across U.S. Slated for Change Due to Offensive Terminology towards Indigenous Peoples.

By KAYLA DUOOS

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior announced the list of national geo- graphic features that will undergo name changes to remove derogatory terminology or slurs, alongside a list of featured name proposals.

The list which can be found on the Department of Interior website includes over 660 geographic features, including 3 Minnesota locations, two of which are within reservation boundaries. The locations are S. Lake located in Pine county, and the City of S. Lake and S. Lake located in Itasca county which are housed in Reservation boundary lines.

The Department of the Interior has reached out to Tribes for name change consultations and made the list of locations / name ideas public for community members to recom- mend and review proposed replacement names.

“Words matter, particularly in our work to make our nation’s public lands and waters accessible and welcoming to people of all back- grounds. Consideration of these replacements is a big step forward in our efforts to remove derogatory terms whose expiration dates are long overdue,” said Secretary Deb Haaland. “Throughout this process, broad engagement with Tribes, stakeholders and the general public will help us advance our goals of equity and inclusion.”

Prior to the implementation of the Task Force, changes to derogatory names for geographic features were submitted as a proposal to the Board on Geographic Names, which then worked through its deliberative process. The BGN has received 261 proposals to replace geographic features with sq*** in the name in the past 20 years.

The Task Force will review feedback from Tribes / community members and provide a final name recommendation for the BGN to vote on when it convenes later this year.

You can leave your name change comment or feedback by either of the following methods:


Mail: Reconciliation of Derogatory Geographic Names, MS–511, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA 20192.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number. All comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Please include the Feature ID (FID) of the feature(s) of interest when submitting your comment. The FID for each feature is located in Column B of the posted list.

**Minnesota Locations on the DOI Name Change List + Name Replacements:**

- S Lake FID 658441 located in Itasca County—suggested name round lake
- S Lake FID 2395945 located in Itasca County—suggested name popple lake
- City of S Lake FID 2395945 located in Itasca County—suggested name popple river
- S Lake FID 2069951 located in Pine County—suggested name cross lake
- Snake River, Snake River, Mission Creek, Pokegama creek
Bug O Nay Ge Shig School will be represented by these four students as ambassadors at area pow wows and gatherings this pow wow season.

Nine students from Bug O Nay Ge Shig High School had the opportunity to attend the Close Up Youth Summit in Washington D.C. for a week in February. Attending are: Tehya, Keira, Cece, Ameera, Josh, Raven, Helainea, Emilio and Isabella. While there, the students met in person with Sen. Tina Smith and also with staff members at Rep. Pete Stauber’s Office. They also were chose to do a presentation at the Summit about an issue that their tribal nation is facing. The students chose “Blood Quantum Reform,” as their topic and laid out several possible options. When not in the Close Up seminars, they were able to see many of the sights in our nation’s capitol.

Bug O Nay Ge Shig School 2nd Quarter A & B Honor-roll 2021-2022

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| 8th   | Grade A Honor-roll | Hailey M.  
  Camron O. |
| 8th   | Grade B Honor-roll | Aarik B.  
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  Angelo M. |
| 9th   | Grade A Honor-roll | Mareena T.  
  Arryelle W.  
  Flora W. |
| 9th   | Grade B Honor-roll | Marlo M.  
  Connor T. |
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| 10th  | Grade B Honor-roll | Violena B.  
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  Amareah G.  
  Tyren H.  
  Kyler H.  
  Adrian M.  
  Michaela T. |
| 11th  | Grade A Honor-roll | Emilio R.  
  Helainea R. |
| 11th  | Grade B Honor-roll | Lanahny B.-B.  
  Joshua B.  
  Francis G.  
  Derek H.-K.  
  Chance L.  
  Raven M.  
  Randall R. |
| 12th  | Grade A Honor-roll | Ameera J.-W.|
| 12th  | Grade B Honor-roll | Caitlynn J.  
  Daunte R. |
We would love to hear your thoughts or feedback on how we can give you LLBO News. Leech Lake Community members are invited to complete this short survey regarding LLBO Communications. Please type the link taken to the survey.

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tinyurl.com/LLBOCsurvey
## Election Calendar 2022

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### MCT Election Ordinance - Section 1.6 Voter Eligibility

1.6 (A). Judging Qualifications.

Each Band governing body will be the sole judge of the constitutional qualifications of its voters and may, by official action, delegate this responsibility to its General Reservation Election Board.

1.6 (B). Eligibility to Vote: Generally.

Eligible voters are enrolled members of the Tribe, 18 years of age or over. All eligible voters shall vote by secret ballot. To be eligible to cast a ballot a voter must meet all constitutional requirements. In addition, to be eligible to cast a vote for Committeeperson, a voter must have resided within that district for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the election, unless the voter casts an absentee ballot as permitted by this Ordinance.

1.6 (C). Eligibility to Vote: Absentee.

Whenever, due to absence from the reservation, illness or physical disability, an eligible voter is not able to vote at the polls and notifies the General Election Board consistent with this Ordinance, he/she will be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. To cast an absentee ballot for Committeeperson, an eligible voter must have resided within that district for a period of at least thirty (30) days as his/her last reservation residence. In the event an eligible voter has never resided on the reservation of his/her enrollment, he/she must declare in his/her request which district has been selected in which to cast the ballot for Committeeperson. A voter may not thereafter change his/her district for absentee voting purposes without actually residing within a different district for at least thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the election.
State Park passes now available for Band Members at LLBO DRM

MN State Parks vehicle permits are now available at the DRM! These passes void the cost of entering State Parks in Minnesota and are available at NO COST to any member of the 11 Federally recognized Tribes in MN. Please, bring your Tribal ID for verification when obtaining passes. They will be available at our front reception area at DRM. Miigwech.

From the District III Office LeRoy, Toni & Kari

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Clyde Tibbetts
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George Wind
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ALL ELDERS ARE ENTITLED TO $10 SLOT PLAY & $10 MEAL COUPON THAT MUST BE USED WITHIN THE BIRTHDAY MONTH.

StrongHearts Native Helpline
Observes Five-Year Anniversary
with more than 20,000 Calls

EAGAN – This month StrongHearts Native Helpline observes five years of successful operation. More than 20,000 calls have been received since the organization’s launch in 2017. Significant organization milestones over the past five years include:
• An increase in operating hours to 24/7/365
• Launch of a new website
• Addition of sexual violence advocacy, chat and text advocacy
• Opening of a branch office in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (in addition to the national headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota)
• Launch of the Michigan Enhancement Project to expand that state’s existing domestic and sexual violence advocacy services to support tribal programs and their contacts (a partnership with the Division of Victim Services at Michigan’s Department of Health and Human Services, which also provided the funding)
• In October 2021, StrongHearts became an independent, national Native non-profit 501(c)3 organization with its own board of directors

“In 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline continued its commitment to provide culturally-appropriate advocacy despite the continuing Covid-19 pandemic — it is through the resilience of our ancestors and our own experience with hardships that we were able to stay the course,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) director, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “With tenacity, we will continue our mission to restore power to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty and support in 2022 and beyond.”
Ione Louise Taylor, 80, of Cass Lake, MN, died Saturday, February 19, 2022 at the Sanford Fargo Medical Center in Fargo, ND. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, MN. A wake will begin at 3:00pm, Thursday, February 24, 2022, at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Cass Lake, and will continue until the time of the service. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

She was born on September 21, 1941, in Klamath Falls, OR, the daughter of Louis Taylor and Bertha (Watoh) Taylor. After her parents passed away while she was young, she was raised until the age of 13 by her great grandfather Perry Parker in Burns, OR. She was a caretaker at home for her son great grandfather Perry Parker in Burns, OR. She was a caretaker at home for her son

Family welcoming Belinda in paradise are grandparents, David and Josephine Logan, Carlos Ortega, and Francisco Ortega. Her honorary pallbearers are Josh Morgan, Sakita Prichett, Josie Rae Ryan, James Ryan, Crystal Morgan, Luvette Moose, Jolin Smith, Philama Warner, Daseson “Junior” Smith. Belinda’s cremains will be held at the Dave Morgan Community Center in Bena, MN. Office calling her “Mama Bear” and Desirae “Junior” Smith. Belinda’s cremains will remain at home with her family.

Belinda’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com

Carol Morrow-Rainey, age 72, Ogidibii’mosekwe, which means “Woman Who Walks on Water” of Isanti, MN and formally of Cass Lake, MN journeyed to the spirit world from the Cambridge Medical Center in Cambridge, MN on Saturday, February 19, 2022. She was born the daughter of Caroline Morrow and Orville Lovfikins in Cass Lake, MN on February 28, 1950.

Carol grew up in the Cass Lake area and at the age of 14 became a Candy-Striper, which began a life in the medical field helping people for Carol. She went on to obtain her LPN, CNA and finally her RN degree. Carol worked in several different places including a nursing home in Grand Rapids helping with the mentally challenged, a Mental Institute in Jacksonville, FL from 1970-1980, as a kidney dialysis technicians’ aide in Cass Lake and at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch in Devils Lake, ND for her last job.

Carol was an amazing woman that no words can truly describe, but we’re going to try. On July 8, 1970, Carol married Clayton Rainey and together they had four children, Clayton Jr., Marvin, Juanita and Sarah. Carol and Sarah had special names for each other, Carol called Sarah her “Baby Bear” and Sarah called her “Mama Bear”. She also affectionately called Tenesha “Beanie” from the time she was very young. Carol had a love for thrift and garage sale shopping, country music and babies…all babies. Carol loved to bake and was amazing at it. Her pies and bread, especially her fry bread, were of professional caliber. She was quite the joker and made it her mission to make everyone who crossed her path laugh and smile, with jokes like Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson was her husband. All joking aside, Carol had a loving and caring heart and despite any of her situations or illnesses she never let it get her down or gave up. In fact, after being diagnosed with cancer she said, “I am fighting for my life because of my great grandchildren”, who meant the world to her. Carol adored and was very proud of her entire family but two of her proudest moments were when her son Clayton Jr. was named a World Champion Dancer and the day he graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy.

She is welcomed to the spirit world by her husband, Clayton Rainey, Sr.; mother, Caroline Morrow; her fathers, Marvin Kessler and Orville Lovfikins; brother, Joseph Morrow, several aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Those left behind to forever cherish her memory are her children, Clayton (Rhonda) Rainey, Jr., Marvin Rome Rainey, Juanita Jean Hayes and Sarah (Eric Sr.) Anderson; mom, Lavonne Kessler; siblings, Todd (Sharon) Kessler, Kim Kessler, Rome (Tammy) Kessler, Nate Kessler, Drae (Susan) Kessler, Lori Kessler, Tiel (Michael) Bordersen, Tanya (Brian) Newman, Trista (Erik) Aker; grandchildren, Tanyalita, Tenesha (Jared), Tausha (Josh), Tristen, Kylie, Hunter, Blair, Marshall, Carlson, Cassidy, Emylee, JadaRose, Eric Jr., Logan, Megan, Lilly-Anne, Channel, Lander, DJ, Torrey, Josh, Kai, Cheyanne, Noah, Delaney, Lanaya and Peanut; great grandchildren, Tatum and Alexis, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

An overnight wake for Carol will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23 and continue until her 10:00 a.m. traditional ser-
vice on Thursday, February 24 all to be held at the Mission Community Center in Cass Lake, MN. Allen Hardy will be her Spiritual Advisor. Helping to lay Carol to rest will be Jeff Harpper, Josh Schmidt, Jared Azure, Eric Anderson, Sr., Kyle Kohlhoff and Eric Anderson, Jr. Her honorary pallbearers are Tenesha Rainey, Emylee Anderson, Lilly-Anna Rainey, Tatum Rainey, Alexis Azure Anderson, Sr., and Kyle Kohlhoff. Interment will be in Porcupine Lane Cemetery at Cass Lake, MN following her Thursday service.

Carol’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

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erri Lynn Allen, “Biaans” age 59, of the Bear Clan and Sugar Point, MN, journeyed to the spirit world on Monday, March 7, 2022. She was born on June 12, 1962, in Cass Lake, MN, the daughter of Beverly (Burnette) Allen.

Terri was a busy lady, she enjoyed beading, painting, and crafting. She grew up in the Remer, MN area and after school moved to the cities. She had a passion for kids and taught Head Start for 15 years and also managed a McDonald’s for 15 years. She was always helping others; she was her uncle’s caregiver. Terri was an excellent baker and made the best banana bread. She loved her plants and animals.

Those greeting Terri in the spirit world are her mom, Beverly Allen; step-dad, Leo Allen; sisters, Karla Ostby and Grace Allen; brothers, Eric Lunde and Everett Allen; grandparents, Alice and Mike Burnette; and cousins, Charlotte Voas and Brandon Bellanger.

Those left behind to cherish Terri’s memory are her son, Peter Allen of Sandstone, MN; best friend, Tamara (Ronald) Burnette of Sugar Point; brother, Kevin Lange of Minneapolis, MN; sisters, Laura Vizenor, Kathy Napper, and Diane Grooms; two grandchildren, Ebonie Lopez; one great-grandchild; and numerous other family members and friends.

A two-night wake for Terri will begin Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. and continue until her Saturday, March 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m. service all to be held at the Sugar Point Community Center in Federal Dam, MN. Those helping to lay Terri to rest are Randall Richardson, Justin Robinson, Malik Matthews, Marcello Matthews, Josh Losh, and Daniel Mitchell. Honorary pallbearer is Peter Allen. Interment will be in the Boy Lake Cemetery.

Terri’s care has been entrusted to Northern Peace Funeral Home of Walker, MN. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.northernpeace.com.

Ernest Bebeau

Ernest Paul Bebeau, 76, of Townsite Township, Ball Club, MN passed away peacefully at his home on February 21, 2022. He was the husband of Mary “Cookie” (Fairbanks) Bebeau. They shared 51 years of marriage together.

He was the son of Joseph and Tina (Martin) Bebeau. Growing up he was known by the name Drag. Ernest attended Ball Club School and later graduated from Deer River School. At the age of 19 he enlisted into the Navy and served during the Vietnam War. He was a store keeper and shore patrol on the USS Marion. His rank was Petty Officer Second Class. After his years in the service he went to Georgia to work for Fire Stone. Two years later he returned home to Ball Club. This is where he met the love of his life Mary Frances on April 1, 1970 and united in marriage on November 14. He soon went on to Fargo, ND to complete Auto Body school. He worked at Maki’s Auto Body and eventually became an IronWorker. Ernest decided to attend Bible School in MoBridge, SD. On his return to Ball Club he was involved in the creation of the Assembly of God Church. Before retiring he held many different jobs that included helping people. Such as Mental Health Counselor, Auto Body Teacher and Elementary Counselor at Bug O Nay Ge Shi School, YCDPP Youth Counselor and a Domestic Violence mediator.

Together, Ernie and Mary created 4 Children which was the beginning of the big family we have today. Paula, Duane “Skudder”, Brandon and Abigail. Ernie took pride in his Children, GrandChildren and Great GrandChildren. Dad and Gramps were his favorite titles. One thing his GrandChildren will hold close is the nicknames their Gramps gave them. Some to name: TBear, Will beaver, Nanners, Nina Bena, Miss T, Nutshel, and Beebs He always made sure his Family had what they needed. He showed us how to be a hard worker and to work for what we have. He was so very proud of his children and grandchildren and all their accomplishments. We always knew we could call on Gramps for anything. As the years passed, gifts for Gramps got harder; he had a bedroom, house, garage, sheds and yard full of everything he could need. That’s when we realized time was the best gift. In his free time he enjoyed going to the casino, listening to the scanner, checking the DVDs at Walmart and spending time with his family. Thank you Gramps for the time, conversations, support and lessons learned.


2022 LLBO POW WOW SCHEDULE

Memorial Day   Traditional Pow Wow   May 27 - 28, 2022   Cass Lake, MN 56633
Waa Wiye Gaa Mag 19th Annual Traditional Pow Wow   June 17 - 19, 2022   S. Lake, MN 56681
4th Annual Leech Lake Days Traditional Pow Wow   June 24 - 26, 2022   Cass Lake, MN 56633
Mii Gwitch Mahnomen Days 60th Annual Traditional Pow Wow   July 15 - 17, 2022   Ball Club, MN 56636

Onigum 24th Annual Traditional Pow Wow   July 22 - 24, 2022   Onigum, MN 56484
Cha Cha Bah Ning 42nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow   August 26 - 28, 2022   Inger, MN 56636
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Vote April 5, 2022

DISTRICT I REPRESENTATIVE       |       DISTRICT II REPRESENTATIVE
Aanii! My name is Tami Jackson, a candidate for District I’s Representative seat. I am a resident of Inger and was raised in this community. I have three children who are all grown now, and I have four beautiful granddaughters. The oldest granddaughter, whom I have raised, will be graduating this year from Deer River High School. My parents are Lewis and Agnes Bowstring. My family is the Bowstrings, which has a long history within this community.

I graduated from Deer River High School in 1981, attended Itasca Community College, obtained an AA degree with an emphasis in business and accounting. I am currently enrolled in Walden University in their BS in Business Administration (BSBA) program.

I am currently employed at Leech Lake Housing Authority as a warehouse laborer. I have been employed with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Leech Lake Gaming and come with years of experience in administrative work and am familiar with their policy and procedures within both entities.

What makes me your candidate is the empathy, integrity, and respect I have for the people of this reservation and those within the District 1 communities. I have seen the social and economic disadvantages that persistently affect our communities. I have also seen the advantages and gains our communities benefit from when leadership works to meet the needs while having clear, cooperating, and open-door policies in place.

I pledge to work with an open-door policy. I will encourage and welcome open transparent communication on issues that affect each and every one. I will work to make sure our workforce is treated with fair and equitable practices. The pandemic has shown that the workforce is important in every aspect and we should not take our workers for granted.

I will work to make sure that our Band’s programs and services are reaching our communities and members. Those range from health, social, education, and transportation for our youth, families, elders, and veterans.

I will work to address addictions in the form of opioids, drugs, and alcohol substance abuse. I would like greater expansion of our education and services so those that are affected directly and indirectly will get the support they need. As a community no one should be alone in their recovery nor should we allow the stigma of addiction bring shame to anyone. I have seen the disadvantages that are out there from services that provide help. We need to evaluate the policies and rights so our citizens are able to get the help they need when they need it.

I will work to explore new avenues to open up more housing in our communities, I will also work towards making sure our current homes/units are being renovated in a timely manner.

I will support our language and cultural activities that are currently in place as well as seek out new ideas and/or reform to better meet the needs of our communities. I look forward to building community trust in our district. The communication I will bring to our communities will be equal, consistent, and unified. I pledge to listen to all voices and concerns.

I support more police presence in all our communities, safety is an essential right for a community and members. These are only some of the concerns and issues that I have seen and experienced, I know there are more that need to be addressed and if elected they will be addressed. I will work for you!

I ask for your support. I ask for your vote. I will continually ask for your input. Vote Tami Jackson—Leech Lake District I Representative—Chi Migwetch! *

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Oozhoo, Nindaawemaangunidok! (Greetings my Relatives), Niizho-anang Nindizhinikaaz, Maang Indoodeem. (Two Star is my Anishinaabe name, from the Loon Clan) My English name is Gary Charwood, from S. Lake.

My message is solid and my commitment is unwavering. If I am elected as your District I Representative, you will experience the integrity, compassion and stability I will bring as your elected official and member of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. I have demonstrated in each of our eleven communities a commitment of time and effort, and will always continue to offer heartfelt support with all our programs here on Leech Lake.

As your Representative, my vision is clear. My priorities include continuing to support our elders, youth, families and the programs that serve our people here on the Leech Lake Reservation, including our Gaming Enterprise. The Covid pandemic has put us through trying times over the past couple years, but with hope and prayers, we can soon look forward to safely getting back to providing the important services we very much need in all our communities.

For the past fifteen years, I worked with our Leech Lake Youth Division, directly serving youth and their families. I commend all the division coordinators for the time and effort they dedicated to ensuring our youth are safe, supported, and thriving.

My first priority is to see that our elders are cared for by ensuring they have full access to a variety of services and benefits that will enhance their lives; from lowered health insurance premiums, to increased access to enrichment activities, to something as simple as rides to the grocery store and back. Many of our elders live on fixed income and every little bit counts, as they are often caring for their immediate and extended families.

Secondly, I will prioritize supporting the development of our Leech Lake students. Education is key in ensuring the strength of our communities within our Nation. Having served as a Board Member with the Leech Lake Tribal College, I have been able to witness the wonderful growth of this institution and the incredible impact their graduates have on the community when they return. With remote learning becoming a part of many students’ lives, I will support the college in developing the technological infrastructure needed so our students can receive the best possible education.

Additionally, I will bring to this leadership position my passion for supporting our culture through ongoing pow-wows, language and traditional practices. Our language is central to who we are as Anishinaabe people;
Charwood, Sr.
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will bring our existing programs to the table along with

As a decision-maker, I will collaborate with our local

Finally, I will prioritize a variety of services that will

benefit all communities across our Nation. To better

serve our People who are struggling with addictions, I

will bring our existing programs to the table along with

our community members to collaborate on solutions

that will benefit those who need support. This is an issue

that must be addressed with compassion and care. I will

support our People with a second community automo-

tive servicing garage in District I, similar to the one

located in Cass Lake behind Che-we, so people can

purchase their own auto parts and have their vehicle

serviced free of charge.

As a decision-maker, I will collaborate with our local

Indian Councils, exploring ways to better our communi-
ties through trust, dignity and stability. I will work in

coordination with other leaders in revising our

Constitution so it reflects the current needs present in

communities across Leech Lake Nation.

As your representative, I will look for answers and

guidance from Our People, especially our youth. I will

lead with integrity and compassion to ensure stability in

the lives of all Leech Lake people. I close with what

they say in our lodges, “We will not leave anyone

behind”. As we work together to build a strong, bright,

thriving Nation, let’s be kind to one another and live by

those seven sacred grandfather teachings: Nibwaakaawin, Zaagi’idiwin, Manaaji’idiwin, Zoongde’iwin, Gwayakwaadiziwin, Dabasendiziwin and Debwewin. ●

Mii gwech ga-hina gii na waa

Gary Charwood Sr.

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Candidate • DI

Tana Robinson

Aniin, Tana here. I apologize as I will not be coming
to you bragging myself up as I am humbly coming
to you from selfless heart and I’m not here to impress
and influence you to vote for me based on any mis-
conceptions that this role/job as District Representative
is here to give handouts and/or enable in anyway
shape or form. Our Tribal Officials sitting in office, who-
ever they may be, need to get back to our cultural
practices and restart the long standing traditions of
offering their own skills, knowledge and wis-
dom gained through their own first hand experienc-
ies and provide you with support and resources
through effective tribal programming to help you
maintain and/or find a healthy balance in your own
personal life so that you can become that support,
mentor and positive role model who will pass good
healthy ways of living onto your children, grandchil-
dren, etc. Historical trauma is a key factor in how we
have become unwell over the last few generations in
a sense of lacking communication skills leading to
loss of connection to others within our own families
and communities but more importantly the loss of
cultural practices that were once strong in assisting us
to maintain healthy spirits, bodies and minds with
understanding prayers and gatherings for ceremonies
and openly sharing love, respect, life skills, food, daily
necessities and stories with an open heart. We have
currently found ourselves struggling to cope with our
loss of such powerful teachings and values and with
that loss of our own individual identities. We often ask,
Who am I? Where do I belong? How did I get here?.
Many of you have found some stability and successes
with your own lives and kudos to you. But sadly for far
too many who lack the proper teachings and support
systems turn to drugs and alcohol as a coping mecha-
nism and on the rise. suicide. If I find myself in this job,
yes it is a job, not a title I will start by creating a team
of community members to begin construction of a
new system that will effectively and timely provide
assistance to help each adult set goals for themselves
and their families whether it be getting help with
addictions, getting children back home from Foster
Care, finding a home, buying a home, home repairs,
gaining employment or better employment, child
care, furthering education, gaining financial stability
with better understanding of money management and
credit, purchasing household appliances and furni-
ture, purchasing vehicles and more. Having even just
one of these hardships creates a downward spiral
effect. For example, not having a car can mean no way
to get to a job or school. Having no job can mean no
food on the table or having funds available to make
rent/mortgage payments, keep electricity and heat in
a home keeping in mind many households have chil-
dren. Even issues one might think are so small and
meaningless can bring about depression, anxiety,
fears and worry which can lead to unintentional nega-
tive attitudes which can only bring about new sets of
problems being added to one’s shoulders. Noone
should ever have to bear so much unnecessary weight
in their lifetime, especially us tribal members as we
are lucky to have our Tribal Government available. Not
to offer any useful support or useless hand outs, but
rather provide the resources we need to gain and
maintain self-sufficiency. I wish the five of us running
for this job could equally take it together because we
all have so much to bring to the table. But as stated no
matter who gets elected into this position/ job we the
people take precedence. Make your vote count! Do
not vote for me, relative, neighbor, best friend, etc
because of the misconceptions of the District
Representative role. VOTE FOR YOU!!! This job on the
Tribal Council and every job position within the Tribal
Government itself exists because you exist and the
elected individuals are there to serve you. We the peo-
ple are not supposed to sit powerless waiting to be
called upon to serve tribal officials in their time of
need and I am going to leave these thoughts with you
and hope you can begin to feel empowered to make wise
choices for you and your family. We can do this! You
want change, right? Now is the time! Bring it folks! In
closing I do want you to know that no matter my job or
where I reside or what personal endeavors I may be on
at any given time I am always here for you, even if just
just to listen. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at any time
with any hardships that may have jumped out of
nowhere. If I can’t help out myself I will walk with you
on your journey far enough to help you find the
resources to get you moving in a better direction. I can
be called or text messaged at 218-368-8056 or you
can always find me on Facebook ‘Tana Morgan-
Robinson’ sharing my life. I also created a group ‘Tana
Robinson: You and us, not me or them’ to share
my ideas of what building our district support system
might look like as well as ideas for restructuring the
Tribal Government support systems. Please call or
send me a message to learn more about myself and
my story or I’d really like to hear your ideas and your
story which can comfort and help each other out. I
would love to come to you for a one-on-one heart-to »
I decided to run for Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe District 1 Representative

Here is my take on how I think that the tribal government should run on our reservation.

I believe there are issues and duties that the chairman and treasurer are responsible for on the behalf of our tribe.

The chairman’s role is to lead the tribe on government matters whether at tribal, county, state, and federal levels with the consensus of others tribal officers

The treasurer role would be to ensure that the money we have in our treasury be equally available to help all tribal members or earning us more to help all members.

The district representatives should look for what is needed in their communities, find it what is working and what is not working regarding programs or processes of our tribal government.

I believe when we help meet the needs of all our members, when we leave no one behind, we can start the journey of prosperity and lay the foundation for our future generations.

We are a semi sovereign nation. I say that because we depend on Federal and State government grants for funding which go into the general fund and respective programs. Gaming profits are used to fund different tribal programs not covered by any grants or added to certain programs that need additional funding. We are dependent on these grants and monies. We need to diversify our businesses and enterprises so that we are not solely dependent on gaming and grants.

I believe that education at all levels is very important and plays a key role in how we can better ourselves and families. Let’s look at what and how we can improve all levels of schools that are serving our Native children. We need more vocational education also, we need native electricians, plumbers, masons, welders. These skills are going to be much needed as elders retire, we will need to be placing younger native in these positions.

I went to public school, and I felt like I did not learn a lot or had the school care whether I was learning or not. This must change; we need to start paying attention to how area schools are educating our children. I graduated and earned my high school diploma and after some life learnings I entered Leech Lake Tribal College and earned my AA in Business Entrepreneurship.

I can say that the most I have learned is through life’s lessons and experiences. I was under the poverty guideline, so I was poor. I realized that if I wanted anything, I would have to work for it. I started a part time job and learned how to make a product and found a market for it in the cottage industry of Lady-Slipper Designs. I realized I had potential to change my life!

I learned budgeting from going to powwows. We needed to make plans, earn money and budget for our travels to and from the many places in US and Canada that we visited. We went to many places to dance at powwows to dance in our jingle dresses. It was one of the most rewarding and memorable experience of my life. I will cherish the times of following the powwow trail, meeting many people, and making lifelong friends.

I have worked in the education department for the past 28 years.

I started work as a youth supervisor, which was a seasonal job. I applied for JTPA now called WIOA where I was placed at energy assistance. After I completed that successfully, I was offered a job as secretary and through the years after having a good work ethic, good work attendance I moved up to office manager, to job developer, to job counselor. I became the WIA program manager where we help with short term employment and supportive services to those who require assistance to stay employed.

It is a rewarding job as I get to meet and assist people that are counting on the program to lift them up. It has made me who I am today, if I didn’t have that opportunity, if I didn’t have that program that helped me, I wouldn’t have made the decision to run for your District 1 Representative on the Tribal Council. I see the shortcomings of how reservation is not equal for everyone and where we need to improve.

Being a single parent with raising a child alone is no easy task. I had family to help me, some young adults don’t have the level of support I had. We need to find ways to support one another.

We cannot rely on our tribal government for everything, and tribal government shouldn’t try. What tribal government should do is help us get the tools and resources so we can start being independent. How about we start making it possible to help us all to become productive members of our tribe, by providing a good livable wage so we don’t have to be dependent on programs to try to get ahead. Not having a livable wage and a good job is holding a lot of our people back from enjoying life and having the opportunity to be prosperous Leech Lake band members.

The local councils know more about the community than any one or two council members do, their input would help in bringing forth any needs or lack of, that will ensure those needs are met for all our tribal members. I believe in working with our local councils.
I'm humbly asking for your support in the upcoming Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe District 1 Election.

I've always had a desire to make positive changes for our people. Coming from a public service background, I strive to make positive impacts on peoples lives on a daily basis. I'm going into this election with a “WE CAN DO BETTER” mindset.

I've had the opportunity to visit with many people while working in the law enforcement profession. I have spoken with people from all walks of life and seen firsthand the struggles and barriers many of our Band Members must face in their daily lives.

If elected, I will listen to every individuals questions, comments, and concerns and try to help in anyway possible to tackle these obstacles and barriers preventing our Band Members from living their lives to the fullest.

I have thought about the many needs and concerns that I have heard from our community members. I have found that I share the same thoughts and feelings as many of you. I have prepared a list that I feel are our top priorities that need significant changes to better meet the needs of our community members.

Please engage in conversation with me regarding your questions, comments, and concerns with the following topics. I will attempt to visit as many homes as possible throughout my campaign.

Collaborations- Build and strengthen working relationships with various organizations who want to work with the Band. Many resources are available to bring needed infrastructure and services to the Band.

Youth- The youth are the future of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. We need to improve programming and activities that promote well-being and “success” in life. Our youth need to achieve their maximum potential to better themselves, which will lead to a better quality of life.

Education- Leech Lake Band Members need access to a high quality education from Early Childhood to Post-Secondary Education. We need to educate as many Band Members as we possibly can and assist families in achieving these opportunities.

Elders- Our Elders need to be regarded as the highest importance of our culture and the Leech Lake Reservation. We need to get an Elder Abuse and Neglect Code in place for the safety and well-being of our Elders.

Chemical Dependency- We are losing too many of our Band Members to the chemical dependency battle. Many Band Members want to seek help but have nowhere to go. I feel a Band Member should be offered the services they need right here on the Leech Lake Reservation. This is among one of our biggest battles on the reservation and need to come together as a community to help our struggling family, friends, and co-workers.

Community outreach and attending public events is something that I enjoy and I feel is very important. I feel this is a way to bridge the communication gap between you and your District One Representative ensuring your voice is always heard.

If elected, I will make sure the people of District One are heard and your concerns are brought to the table.

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Boozhoo/Aanin,

My name is Steve White. I have been a lifelong resident of the Leech Lake Reservation. For a short period of time, I relocated to the Twin Cities for school and work. I attended St. Paul College, where I obtained my (HVAC) degree and worked sheet metal for ten years before returning to the reservation, where I have been employed for 20 plus years. I have had the pleasure of serving as the District 2 representative for the last 12 years. I am running again for another 4-year term to continue to be the voice of the District 2 constituents. Over the years, I have gained and maintained strong ties with the community members of the district 2 area, not only in my own district but also in 1 & 3. I have involved myself with many government areas over the last 12 years. I have established well-working relationships with local, state, and federal officials. I take pride in being in this office and being available to my district constituents on and off the reservation, as well as all other Leech Lake Band members and their families.

I am an avid sportsman. I enjoy taking my grandchildren and their friends out hunting and fishing and just being outdoors. I continue to support the elders and youth with community-driven events and activities to bring our people together in a positive way. Some of the events we host are the kid’s perch jerk, end-of-summer valley fair trips, feasts, and community picnics.

A few of the things that I have accomplished since I have been in office are:

- Secured ICDGB funding to construct the Sugar Point Community Center; after completing the center, then secured funding to add the Sugar Point Head start, which opened less than a year later.
- Continued cooperation with leading vendor Reinhart Foods has contributed over $200,000 in the past 12 years for LLBO post-secondary scholarships.
- Has increased minimum wage not once but twice in the last 12 years.
- I am working on expanding and improving the Battle Point Pow-Wow Grounds.
- Completion of the Boy River Bridge Project.
- Completed a new pavilion/picnic area right behind the Community center in old housing, on Lake Winnibigoshish.
- I strive to secure funding to build a new and improved bridge for the Leech Lake River in Federal Dam.
- Secured funding to complete phase 1 of the Bena Bike Path and expand from old Housing to the Big Fish Supper Club. I am still working on getting the funding for phase 3.
- The new roadway in Bena, the stretch from Old Housing to Denny’s Resort, will be installing curb, gutter, and turning zones to reduce the chance of vehicles crashing.
- I assisted in securing funds for the New and Improved school at Bug O Nay Ge Shig School.
- I have worked with the Health Division to develop a Mobile Clinic that can access the outer communities.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to listen to the needs of District 2 constituents as well as other Leech Lake Band members and be the voice for our communities. I will do my best to make needed improvements continue to happen in our area as well as the rest of the reservation. My number one priority as your leader is to put our people and their needs first. Migwetch for your time and consideration!

Incumbent • DII

Steve White

A vote for Theodore J White Sr is a vote for the future! Migwetch!
Boozhoo! My name is Terrence Terry Mitchell and I’m running for Leech Lake District II Representative. I would appreciate your vote in having the opportunity to serve you to overcome the issues our reservation faces today. Employment and housing elderly, youth + health care programs expansion and creation I would like to “help everyone” in District II. I would also like to push for more solar power on the reservation.

"Miigwetch"

Questions? (218) 513-3158
2022 Leech Lake Tribal Council Primary Election Information

Primary Election Date: Tuesday April 5, 2022
Polls open from 8 AM until 8 PM

General Election Date: Tuesday June 14, 2022
Polls open from 8 AM until 8 PM

Absentee Voting Information
In order to receive an absentee ballot, voters can fill out an absentee ballot request card provided by a candidate or submit a written request to the Election Board. Written requests MUST contain the following information:
- Full Name
- Mailing Address
- Physical Address (if different)
- Date of Birth
- Voting District
  - A District must be declared on your request in order to receive an absentee ballot.
  - A District cannot be changed without establishing residency (see “Establishing Residency” below)
  - Out of State voters who have not declared a district in a previous election shall declare a district to vote in
  - Out of State voters are not eligible to select a new district if they have chosen
    one previously without meeting the residency requirements outlined below

Voters can also cast an absentee ballot in person by visiting the Election Board office. Absentee voters must bring an acceptable ID when voting in person. Ballots are not permitted to leave the Election Board office. The only exception is if there is a voter that is unable to vote in person (handicapped, elder, etc.) Those voters are able to sign a form requesting assistance to vote and a minimum of two Election Board members will walk the ballot out and assist the voter.

Acceptable Identification for Voters
‘Must have acceptable ID – No vouching

The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling place to vote on Election Day include:
- Official Valid Tribal Identification Card of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; or
- A current and valid photo identification card issued by the State of Minnesota or the United States government; or
- Military ID; or
- US Passport or US Passport Card

Establishing Residency
‘A voter must have resided within that district for at least (30) days immediately preceding the election.

The forms acceptable to establish residency:
An original or copy of a current utility bill; or
An original or copy of a current bank statement; or
An original or copy of current government check; or
An original or copy of current paycheck; or
An original or copy of a current other government document that shows the voters name and current address.

Leech Lake Election Board

Physical Address:
SE Corner CheWe Building
115 Sixth St. NW
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Mailing Address:
PO Box 787
Cass Lake, MN 56633

Phone: (218) 335-7222
Fax: (218) 335-7248
Toll free: 1-877-577-7945

Election Board Members:
Chair- Sharon Wilson
Clerk- Terri Boswell
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Clerk- Jody Bellanger
Clerk- Jay Nordmarken

Polling Sites

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June Referendum

The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will also be conducting a referendum on blood quantum during the June 2022 General Election. Essays / platforms for General Election candidates and more information on the referendum will be published in the May issue of Debajimox. The exact wording and nature of the referendum question(s) have not yet been finalized by the MCT.

APR 5
Primary Election (Polling Places open from 8 AM until 8 PM).

APR 6
Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election prior to 8 PM.

APR 7
Reservation Election Board publishes Primary Election results.

APR 8
Deadline for Request for Recount.

APR 12
4:30 PM deadline for Contest of Primary of Primary Election.

APR 13
Deadline for Decision on Request for Recount and Results of Recount, if allowed.

APR 22
Deadline for Decision on Contest.

APR 25
4:30 PM Deadline for Appeal to Court of Election Appeals.

MAY 13
Notice of General Election.

JUN 14
General Election (Polling Places open from 8 AM until 8 PM).

JUN 15
Reservation Election Board certifies results of Election prior to 8 PM.

JUN 16
Reservation Election Board publishes Election results.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Juanita Claire White, t/a Juanita Claire Morris, t/a Juanita Claire Finn, DOB: 09/11/1947, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-75

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Juanita Claire White, died April 15, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saistar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 12th, day of August, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Tony L. Morris, surviving son of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 12, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Julian Molash PO Box 575 Cass Lake, MN 56633 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Marian Mae Molash, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Marian Mae Molash, DOB: 06/14/1954, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-87

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Marian Mae Molash, died July 30, 2020. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saistar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 23rd, day of November, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Sencoah Molash, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on November 23rd, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Cheryl Peterson, 7335 Beaulieu Circle N.E., Bemidji, MN 56601, was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna M. Beaulieu, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In Re: Estate of: Donna Mae Beaulieu, DOB: 03/28/1947, Decedent.

Court File No. CV-21-120

NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named decedent, Donna Mae Beaulieu, died August 9, 2021. A hearing was held before the Honorable Paul W. Day, Chief Judge of the above-named Tribal Court located in the Leech Lake Tribal Justice Center, 200 Saistar Drive NW, in Cass Lake, Minnesota on the 25th, day of August, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., upon the filing of a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative by Diane Kingbird, surviving daughter of the decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the Initial Probate Hearing held on August 25th, 2021, in Leech Lake Tribal Court, Joshua Hess 9317 Che We Zance Ln. Remer, MN 56672 was appointed to act as Personal Representative of the Estate of Della Mae Kingbird, decedent.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all creditors having a claim against the estate are required to present the same to the Personal Representative or the Clerk of the Leech Lake Tribal Court within ninety days (90) days from the date of the first publication of the notice or claims will be barred.

LEGAL NOTICE

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Heather Te- John and Any Man As Father

Court File No. CP-19-19

NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing will be scheduled within the next sixty (60) days in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.
**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Caitlin Roy and Jason Littlewolf

Court File No. CP-20-10

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that an Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing has been scheduled for March 3, 2022 at 1:30PM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Tribal Court**

In the Matter of the Welfare of the Child(ren) of: Traci Cloud (deceased) and Randall Shaugobey

Court File No. CP-19-06

NOTICE
YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Petition to Suspend Parental Rights has been filed in the Leech Lake Tribal Court regarding the child(ren) of the above-named parents. A hearing will be scheduled for Thursday May 19 at 11:30AM in the Leech Lake Tribal Court. Please Contact Leech Lake Tribal Court Administration for any further questions and/or a copy of the documents. The telephone number is (218) 335-3682 or 3586. You are served with this notice because you are a party to this proceeding. If you fail to appear for this hearing the Court may find you in default and enter an order against you.

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- Leech Lake Market
- Shell Station
- Diabetes Clinic
- Woman’s Halfway House
- White Earth Office
- Child Welfare Office

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*all coupons must be used within Birthday Month*

April is
Sexual Assault
&
Child Abuse Prevention
Month

Cornhole Tournament:
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Register link on the Leech Lake Tribal PD
Facebook page
Limited On-Site Registration

Into Booths
Drawings:
Interact with a booth to earn a ticket to be entered into the drawing.
Earn one entry per booth.

Food Provided:
Pulled pork, hot dogs, chips and a drink

Questions: Call Crime Victim Advocates at 218-335-8277

Visit us at:
www.leechlakenews.com/events
to stay up to date and informed on all events occuring around the Leech Lake Reservation.
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CLOSE ON MARCH 18, 2022

Advisory Council Member ~ Human Services ~ Job Code: 21-016
Counselor ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-041

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Tribal Language (2) ~ Education ~ Job Code: 21-053

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Summary of Job Openings

www.llojibwe.org | drop off or mail documents to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe - Human Resources
115 Sixth St. NW, Suite E - Cass Lake, MN 56633
Fax documents to: 1-218-335-3697

Call 218-335-3698 or toll free 1-800-631-5521 for more info

In October 1999, the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe signed the
Assisted Living Placement Agreement with the State of Minnesota
through its Department of Human Services.

The agreement is designed to ensure the receipt of timely and
effective placement services for persons who live in the
Assisted Living Program.

A detailed statement of the services that are to be furnished
will be developed in a month-to-month manner.

City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ___________

Remove From Mailing List

In the November 2002 election, Ojibwe voters in Cass County, Minn.,
approved a sales tax to finance construction of a community center.
The $80 a year hike in the sales tax rate was needed to raise
$20 million for the project.

The community center will be located on a four-acre site near the
old city, county and state building on County Road 39.

The center will have a banquet room, a small gym, office space
for a city clerk and a police officer, and a 24-hour crisis hotline for
people in need.

We need to encourage people to fill out these forms, and
to alert them to the benefits of the center.

He will also share leading worship with Sabrina Shadley.
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